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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

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Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A surgical irrigator, comprising a pumping unit having an inlet and an outlet, a handpiece and tubing connecting the outlet of said pumping unit to said handpiece, said pumping unit including a support for means for supporting the pumping unit ~~on a pole or the like~~, a flexible tube connecting at one end to said inlet, and a spike connected to the other end of said flexible tube for connecting said inlet to an irrigation bag, said spike being adapted to penetrate a fitting in said irrigation bag and coated with a lubricant.

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Claim 13 (original): A surgical irrigator according to claim 12, wherein said lubricant comprises silicone.

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Claim 14 (New): A surgical irrigator according to claim 12, wherein the spike is coated with lubricant in an amount that maintains sufficient friction between the spike and the fitting to support the weight of the spike and the flexible tubing.

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Claim 15 (New): A surgical irrigator according to claim 12, wherein the support comprises a pole.

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Claim 16 (New): A surgical irrigator according to claim 12, wherein the fitting comprises a membrane.